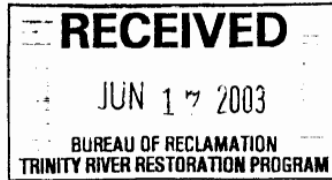


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Re: Trinity River Bridges Project

I am writing this letter as a concerned resident of Lewiston and as one of the co-founders of the Lewiston De-Litter Bugs, an anti-litter group.

I am greatly disturbed about the EA/Draft EIR on the Trinity River Bridges Project (dated May 2003) concerning the replacement of the privately owned Salt Flat Bridge with a public replacement bridge as described in Alternative 2. I don't live on Salt Flat, however, I feel that their bridge should be replaced with the same *status quo* they currently have. A private bridge should be replaced with a private bridge.

I quaked when I read the Mitigation Measures for Alternative 2, SF-2b, describing a facility to accommodate increased public access at the new public bridge. "At a minimum, a public restroom, parking and trash collection facility will be installed." I have been involved with picking up litter since late 1999. After picking up trash, bales of fishing line and human excrement at public access locations such as the Bucktail fishing area, Cemetery Hole and the Old Bridge fishing access, I was appalled at how poorly they were taken care of. I discovered that Trinity County had a twenty-five year cooperative agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game to provide for the operation and maintenance of Cemetery Hole and the Old Lewiston Bridge access. Upon checking with County departments, no one knew anything about the signed agreement. No one had been providing maintenance or sanitation in these two areas for years. Thanks to the work of dedicated citizens, these areas now have trash cans which the citizens service.

To set up yet another public access area to be supposedly maintained by some government agency only adds to the existing problems that public access areas currently have. The problem does not go away by putting in trash cans. It only makes it easier for the local residents when they have to step in to keep an area picked up because the government didn't.

I am strongly opposed to making the private Salt Flat Bridge into a public bridge with a public access area. I urge your department to not allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 19

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19-a: Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted, and will be transmitted to the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and federal officials for their consideration in connection with the merits of the proposed project. No further response is required.